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WOMAN ALSO WANTED TO KNOW.

Prayed She Could Ask Questions as Well as Answer Them.

It happened at a well-known savings bank, says the Philadelphia Ledger. An aggressive-looking woman called in to open an account. The clerk put her through the usual string of questions, name, age, residence and finally family. "Any brothers?"

"Yes, four," was the reply, and the clerk recorded the genealogies of the four.

"Sisters?" proceeded the clerk.

"Keven," answered the woman wistfully, and was forced to relate the life histories of the seven sisters.

When the clerk had at length written down the residence of the seventh sister, the woman straightened up. "Now, look here, young man. I'm a busy woman, and you've kept me here answering your questions before your bank will condescend to take my money. Now I'll ask you a few. How many times has the president of this bank failed to be indicted?"

The clerk dropped his pen dumbfounded.

"How many times has he been in jail?" the Amazon continued.

The bank clerk still stared in amazement.

"How long since the last cashier absconded?" Here the woman flung her questions so rapidly the clerk could not get in a word edgewise.

The inquisitor paused a moment for breath, and the clerk pulled himself together. "Madam, I assure you, our cashier is a Sunday school superintendent," he replied, crushedly.

"Oh, is he?" exclaimed the woman. "Why didn't you tell me that before? Then I don't open any account in this bank. Good day," and the Amazon stalked out.

KNEW NAUGHT OF LIMITATIONS.

Girl Evidently What Might Be Called a "Two-Speed Singer."

There was "no halfway work" about Abner Riggs' praise for anything he approved. Consequently, the person who asked him about his niece's musical ability was prepared for an enthusiastic answer.

"That girl is chock-full o' music," announced Mr. Riggs, "chock-full and running over with it. In my opinion she will be the greatest musician that's ever come out of New England, if not of these United States.

"Sings like a bird, plays the piano, melodeon, pipe organ, banjo and guitar. Most anything that can be played that girl plays it—right off, as you might say. Lately she's taken up the fiddle and cornet, and she's doing fine work with both of 'em."

"She must be remarkably gifted," said the listener. "Is her voice soprano or contralto?"

"Either," said Mr. Riggs promptly. "Just according to what's wanted and the nature of the song; she's got both qualities. And as for playing—well now, I tell you that girl can get more music out of an iron spoon and a tin dumper than most could out of the best harmonica that was ever made!"

—Youth's Companion.

The Groundhog Story.

February 2, or Candlemas day, was a favorite holiday, marked by public gaiety and ceremonials in Europe during the middle ages. It is still marked there by the closing of banks and offices, but not otherwise, outside of the reading of church services. In the church calendar it is known as the Feast of Purification of the Virgin, and was first instituted by Pope Sergius about the year 684 A. D. The popular name of the day is derived from the early custom of lighting up the churches with candles and carrying these in procession on this festival.

As to the weather superstition that gives to Candlemas the name of "groundhog day," that is a world-wide fable. In Germany it is the badger that breaks his winter nap on this day to essay the thankless task of weather prophecy; in France and Switzerland it is the marmot, in England the hedgehog.—The Housekeeper

A Misunderstanding.

"This is the chicken salad," said the caterer's boy, as he delivered the package. "I guess it was your husband that ordered it sent, ma'am."

"Yes," said little Mrs. Bridie. "Here's your money. Now, how do you make it?"

"Oh! I don't know anything about that, ma'am!"

"You don't? Why, my husband told me if I paid you'd give me the receipt."

The Resemblance.

Mrs. Knox—Mr. Neartree met Neil Browne for the first time to-day and he took her for her.

Miss Mugley—The idea! That was strange.

Miss Knox—Oh, I don't know! Haven't you heard about Neil? She got her face poisoned in some way and she looks a sight!—Philadelphia Press.

Then He Catches It.

Town-Lieutenant is troubled a great deal by his wife's insomnia.

Brown—I didn't know that before.

Town—Tow; she usually has a severe attack of it every night when he comes in late, and then the trouble begins.

Domestic Pleasantries.

"I am at a loss what to say," shrieked the angry Mrs. Baktaev.

"You know my gate," snarled her unhappy husband, "Housewife."

HOW DOES THE HEN KNOW HOW?

Conduct of Biddy Might Give a Pointer to Some Men.

The Farmers' Tribune it is which has closely watched the barnyard queen and has printed its observations, together with some engaging bits of sagacity;

"A person who has watched the big biddy playing the chicken game on top of 13 unripe eggs has seen her sit constantly for four days, being off only a few minutes at a time to get a bit to eat, and sometimes not coming off at all for three days. The third day has seen her turn the eggs with her bill, and thereafter turn them every evening and morning up to the eighteenth day. She will rush out after the morning sun has got things warm, and eat splendid long breakfast on the morning of the fifth day. The amateur seeing this for the first time will get anxious, fearing the eggs will cool off. Of course they will. She knows it, all right.

Possibly this was not meant to be the occasion of much that is serious. Yet somehow it gives us confidence in the scheme of things, and also makes us feel that we ourselves need not hesitate so much about taking a vacation; very likely the world would toddle along "all right" without us for a day.—Collier's Weekly.

WOULD DIE WHERE HE PLEASED.

Overbearing Star Met His Match in Western Actor.

Once when Macready was performing at the theater at Mobile, Ala., his manner at rehearsal displeased one of the actors, a native American or of pure western type. This Claudius in "Hamlet" resolved to "get even" with the star for many supposed offenses, and in this way he carried out his purpose. When in the last scene Hamlet stabbed the usurper, he reeled forward, and after a most spasmodic finish, stretched himself out precisely in the place Hamlet required for his own death. Macready, much annoyed, whispered freely:

"Die further up the stage, sir."

The monarch lay insensible, upon which in a still louder voice, the Hamlet growled:

"Die further up the stage, sir."

Hereupon the Claudius, sitting up, observed:

"I believe I'm king here, and I'll die where I please."

The tragedy concluded without more ado.

IRON EATER.

"The first time I ever swallowed a tack," said a carpet-layer. "I jumped to my feet and tremulously asked the way to the hospital."

"What's the matter?" my mate, an old hand, asked.

"I've swallowed a tack," said I. "Good gracious, what will become of me?"

The old hand sat back on the carpet he was laying and laughed.

"Why, kid," said he, "it's nothing to swallow a tack. Every professional carpet-layer swallows half a dozen or so daily. It's a thing that causes no inconvenience. If it did, I know it. I bet I've swallowed a hundred-weight of tacks in my life."

"And I'm sure," the carpet-layer concluded, "my mate was telling the truth, for since then I've swallowed half a hundredweight myself."

He gulped.

"Hang it," he said, "there goes one now."

NO MISTAKE.

A New York produce commission house which prides itself on filling all orders correctly, received a letter from a New Jersey customer recently, saying:

Gentlemen—This is the first time we ever knew you to make a mistake in our order. You are well aware that we buy the very best country eggs. The last you sent are too poor for our trade. What shall we do with them?

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NAMING BOYS.

"Whatever you do, never name a boy after yourself," was a saying of Uncle Lafe Hume of Columbia, and it is a wise conclusion for more reasons than one.

In after years the father and son are referred to as "Big John," or "Ragged John," "Little John So and So" or "Old Tom and Young Tom," and "Big Dick," "Little Peel Head" and the like. In the family the youngster is generally called "brother," "babe," "buss," "Dodd," "Cod," or "Maunch," and the like, while the old gentleman is dubbed "the old man," or "dad," "pap," or "paw." Just as well give your boy a nickname as start as to name him after yourself.

NOT WELL MEANED, EITHER.

"Clarence," said the indulgent relative, "your recklessness and your numerous requests for money discover me and disgust me. Have you no soul?"

"Nary a one, Aunt May," answered the neophyte nephew, with a snarl. "Haven't I told you I see to my uppers?"

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Home Circle Department

A column dedicated to Tired Mothers as they join the Home Circle at Evening Tide.

Crude thoughts as they fall from the Editorial Pen—Pleasant Evening Reveries.

AS YOU GO THROUGH LIFE.

Don't look for flaws as you go thru life. And even when you find them, it is wise and kind to be somewhat blind.

And look for the virtue behind them For the cloudiest night has a hint of light.

Somewhere in its shadow hiding.

It is better by far to hunt for a star, Than the spots on the sun abiding.

Do not keep your politeness to put on with your good clothes, because if you do you will surely forget it sometime when you most wish it, and even if you remember in which pocket you have it, you will be stiff, and plainly show that it is not natural. Cultivate politeness, not only for what outsiders will say, but because it is the right thing to do, one of your many talents to make good use of, and anything that improves always increases our self-respect as well as the good opinion of the world.

The boy is father of the man" in more ways than one. The boy who is willing to do faithful labor, either at or away from home, for little more than his board and clothes, is fitting himself for a position of usefulness and better pay in the future. It is the boy who attends strictly to business and makes his employer's interests his own, who will make his mark as a business man. An industrious, energetic, painstaking boy or young man never wants for a place, and these with stability of character, are all the recommendations needed. And these are so plain that every business man reads them and mentally concludes: "That boy will succeed because he deserves success."

WHO DOES NOT DREAD THE VISITOR WHO STARTS, THEN THINKS OF SOMETHING ELSE TO SAY; RISES, AND THEN THINKS OF ANOTHER SUBJECT OF CONVERSATION; NEARLY REACHES THE DOOR, AND, MOST PROBABLY HOLDING IT OPEN, IS AROUSED TO A DEGREE OF MENTAL BRILLIANCE THAT THREATENS HIS HEALTH AND THAT OF HIS HOST OR HOSTESS BY LONG DETAINING BOTH IN A DAMP DRAFT WHILE HE DISCUSSES? WHAT TAX ON THE PATIENCE AND POLITESS OF THE LISTENER, WHO VAINLY STRIVES, BY ASSENTING INSTANTLY TO EVERY PROPOSITION TO END THE INTERVIEW AND BREAK THE RESTRAINING BOND OF POLITE ATTENTION.

SHORTHOLD TO MISERY.

Begin by fancying that no one cares for you; that you are not of any use to anybody—a sort of nonentity in the household, where your place would not be missed, but easily supplied. Reflect on your want of beauty, and lead yourself to believe that no one can love a plain face, or think you agreeable because there are others more charming. Fancy that every one who looks upon you makes a mental comparison which militates against you in favor of some one else. Imagine that every word said in jest is only meant to cover a deeper and more painful meaning—that every article of wearing apparel you don is criticized and ridiculed. Do all this and your tendency to morbidity of feeling will so increase that in a very short time you will become one of the most miserable of human beings.

AFFECTS 20,051 PENSIONERS.

New Law Increasing Widows' Allowances in Effect April 19.

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ANSWERING CHILDREN'S QUESTIONS.

Anyone who has the ability to ask a question that to him is worth asking, has the capacity to receive an answer that to him is worth receiving. A thoughtful child, on inquiring the location of Heaven, was told by his mother that he could not understand her, even if she explained it. She was probably right in so far as the child's ability to understand her was concerned; but she was wrong in not telling him that the fault was with herself and not with him. Had she known as much about answering him as he knew about questioning her, there need have been no trouble about his understanding her explanation. To tell a child or to lead it to infer that it is "too little" to know any thing more on any subject about which it already knows enough to frame a question, is to deny its capacity for further growth. It is to thrust the child's mind into a dungeon, instead of opening it to the light. It is to bind it in fetters, instead of giving it freedom of action. Ability to ask, presupposes capacity to receive. And no questions are better worth answering or worth better answers than a child's.

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PAPERS BY THE PEOPLE

KEEPING THE SABBATH.

By Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis.

Those who have traveled widely in many States are becoming conscious of the rising tide of public sentiment in favor of the American Sunday. A great ethical movement is sweeping over the people, and the movement has the majesty of a mighty wave in the summer's storm. Many things that hitherto have been permitted are henceforth to be expunged. On election day, for reasons of public policy, saloons are closed. The people feel that the citizen ought not to cast his ballot with dull and clouded mind. For reasons of public policy also the people are coming to believe that Sunday should be a day when every citizen should have a clear mind and be at his best in his home, and give the best to friendship, recreation, reading, or worship; if he chooses.

History is full of the ruins of nations. That historian was right who ended his page with these words: "If we could sit down beside these fallen palaces in Ephesus and Thebes, and talk with the spirit of the nation as with a familiar friend, the lament would be, 'Once I lived; but I disobeyed the laws of God—behold, now, I am dead.'"

THE UNIVERSE IS NOT HOSTILE TO MAN.

By Maurice Maeterlinck.

For a long time we have shown a foolish pride in believing ourselves miraculous beings, unique and marvelously fortunate, probably fallen from another world, without distinct connections with the rest of life, and in any case endowed with incomparable, monstrous faculties. It is much preferable, not to be so prodigious, because we have learned that the prodiges do not hesitate to disappear in the normal evolution of nature. It is much more consoling to observe that we follow the same course as the soul of the great world, that we have the same ideas, the same hopes, the same experiences, and almost the same sentiments. It is much more tranquilizing to assure ourselves that in order to better our lot, to utilize our forces, we employ the same means as it uses for illuminating and ordering the lower and unconscious regions; that there are no others; that we are in our place in a universe of unknown substances, but whose thought is not indpenetrable or hostile, but analogous to our own.

Let us content ourselves with observing, beyond ourselves, certain manifestations of this intelligence. What the flowers can offer us probably is small enough in comparison with that which could be told us by the mountains, the sea and the stars. If we could lay hold of the secrets of their lives. But they nevertheless permit us to presume with some assurance that the mind which animates all things in the same essence as that which vivifies our own body. If they resemble us, we resemble them, if everything we find in them is found

BRAIN THE SOURCE OF YOUTH.

Maintain Its Activity and Preserve Suppleness of the Body.

Vital as is the physical side of conserving youth, however, its true fountain is in our brain. If we maintain activity of its cells it quickens the circulation of the blood, the vital organs, gives light to the eyes, preserves to a suppleness of the body, removes to a distance illness, age, death itself, says Scribner's Magazine.

Remember the lesson of the bicycle, how the laboring man and the busy housekeeper, ready to drop from the day's work, would go for a spin and return, after an hour's exercise of those same weary leg muscles, rested. Body aches is often nothing but brain rust.

"He looks much older than he is," said Von Moltke of a fellow officer; "he has used his body more than his mind." Age was to the Frenchwoman of the salons no excuse for dullness. To the very last one must be pointed, animated, alert. Because an age has come when ordinarily the crust of custom begins to encase our free spirits is exactly the reason for keeping them elastic.

One of the most remarkable things in the career of Dr. Richard Storrs was that by far the greatest portion of that career was after he had passed the age of 50. The Duke of Marlborough began his career as a great commander in 1702, when he was 32 years old. Lord Lyndhurst on the eve of his eightieth birthday made a brilliant speech in Parliament. Sophocles wrote his masterpiece at 60. Goethe finished "Faust" in his eighty-second year. After began Greek at 47 and at 54 had mastered it. Mrs. Fiozzi preserved her fine faculties, imagination and unexampled vitality to the end. On her eightieth birthday she gave a great ball, concert and supper in the public rooms at Bath to over 200 persons and opened the ball herself.

Old Lady Grey painted beautifully, though she only began to be an artist when she was quite an old woman. She always went out sketching with thirty-nine articles, which one servant called over at the door, another murmurings, "Here!" for each article, to make sure that nothing should be left behind.

Predicting by Bones.

Is it not strange that, although the Transvaal has been conquered by whites since 1890, the belief in Kaffir doctors and their wizarding has not died out? Nearly every old Kaffir has always with him a bag of bones—knuckles and joints of animals. With these he pretends to be able to foretell the future. He throws the "dolos," as they are called, and then reads out the omens. Should a white man wish to confer with the oracle he must throw the bones himself. I have known, says a Transvaal traveler, many whites who firmly believe in the ability of the Kaffir doctor to cure them from sundry ills, and I have been informed that in Rhodesia the Kaffir doctors save many whites from the ravages of the terrible fevers that rage there in addition to coping successfully with the toothache and other ills.

Financial Expedient.

Shoeblack—Shine, sir? Four sous? Passerby—No, thank you. Shoeblack—Two sous? Passerby—No. Shoeblack—For nothing, then? Passerby—All right, if you like. Shoeblack (after having finished one shoe)—It's six sous to clean the other, sir. —*Not Lobsang*.

Occasionally a man gets a little sympathy from his wife, but it always costs for charity rent brought the be-

also in ourselves, if they employ our methods, if they have our habits, our preoccupations, our tendencies, our desires for the best, is it illogical to say that all that we can hope instinctively, inevitably, it is almost certain that they hope also? Is it reasonable, when we find scattered through life such a sum of intelligence—that is to say, does not pursue an end of happiness or perfection, of victory over that which we term evil, death, annihilation, which probably is only the shadow of its face or its own slumber?

WOMEN TO BLAME FOR HAUGHTY MEN.

By Juliet V. Strauss.

The attitude of man toward woman is one of self-complacency and critical condescension, and this is the fault of women themselves. I heard the other day that a male person had said to a friend of mine that she talked too plainly "before men." I was struck with awe at the idea. When one considers how plainly men talk before themselves I wondered in what degree of humility they desired a female to couch her conversation.

Occasionally one sees a woman with indomitable spirit, a quick sense of humor, a gift for intelligent conversation, and mind enough to enjoy a change from the gossip of the neighbors, the incidents of the day's housekeeping or the changes of the fashions. Such a woman it was who was criticised for being too liberal in her choice of English for the ears of her male acquaintances. A man in whose good sense a woman has reposed confidence enough to talk to him as she would to another woman instantly betrays herself as unworthy when he criticizes her. He at once demonstrates the impossibility of a sort of equality between men and women, which is one of the most desirable things in the world.

VIRTUES OF COLLEGE ATHLETICS.

By Walter Camp of Yale.

We think success in football is worth striving for, because it teaches men that if they are to accomplish what they set about to do they must do so by work and subordination to discipline. That is a good lesson to teach a man.

Furthermore, the moral tone of college men has improved a great deal in recent years, and in this the successful athlete has done his share. Drinking, dissipation, is not good form for college men nowadays—time was when not much was thought of it. Take such men as Tad Jones, leader among his fellows, and who leads an upright life. Other students imitate his habits, and such imitation, unconscious, perhaps, does them a world of good.

The man who goes in for athletics soon finds that he must go according to a schedule if he is to keep up and make the most of his time. When the moment comes for study he has no time to lean on window sills and talk with his fellows.

THE FIRST STERNWHEELER.



JONATHAN HULL'S STEAM TUG, SUCCESSFULLY OPERATED IN 1737.

In 1736 Jonathan Hull, yeoman, of Campden, Gloucestershire, patented a steam tug, which is said to have been tried on the Avon at Evesham in the following year. The tug had a single-acting steam cylinder, thirty inches in diameter, which in its inward stroke lifted a weight equal to one-half of its effective pull. The energy of this weight in its descent during the return stroke gave the engine a double action, and the reciprocating motion of the piston gave continuous rotation by a ratchet gear to a paddle wheel at the stern.—*Illustrated London News*.

ITALIAN CHEAP LIVING.

Italian Laborers Able to Get Along on Less than \$10 a Month.

That Italian laborers save more money at the same wages than any other European immigrants is a statement made in a report of the department of commerce and labor. The reason is easily found, says the New York Sun. A great majority of the unskilled laborers in this country are employed in railroad construction and similar undertakings, which are usually carried on where there are no accommodations for boarding and lodging the men. The boarding camp thus becomes essential to the contracting company.

In the case of men of all nationalities except the Italians a fixed charge is made for the boarding and lodging of each man. The Italians, however, insist on buying and cooking their own food.

Investigation of the records of a contracting company employing many laborers of various nationalities in railroad construction showed that the actual cost to the company of groceries, provisions and payment for cooks, waiters, fuel, light, etc., at its boarding camp was 19 cents a meal, or \$3.00 a week for each man. The men were charged \$18.40 a month for board and lodging.

The Italians at the camps of the same company lived mostly on macaroni, sausages, cheese, sardines and bread, macaroni and bread being the staples and the others used very sparingly. The average monthly expense of each laborer was as follows: Twenty-five cents per pound loafers of bread at 4½ cents, \$2; thirty pounds of macaroni at 1 cent, \$2.10; sausages, ham and cheese, \$1.50; lard, 90 cents.

Prospective Buyer—Heaven! It must be a terrible experience to run over a human being! Auto Demonstrator (smilingly)—Not with this make of car, my boy; it's equipped with the best shock absorber on the market.—*Brooklyn Eagle*.

Most of the Italians in addition to that amount spent an average of \$3 a month for beer, cheap cigars and tobacco, which with the expense of \$1 a month for热量 rent brought the be-

Political Comment.

To Suppress Anarchy.

Because he could say what he had to say in a few words President Roosevelt is to Congress the shortest message of his administration. The subject discussed was anarchy, and while the President expressed the opinion that the present laws empower him to deny the use of the mails to all publications inciting murder, arson and treason, he urges Congress to go a step further and enact legislation which shall prohibit the circulation of any publication of that character whether printed here or abroad.

The necessity of this additional safeguard is emphasized by the statement of the editor of *La Question Sociale*, the anarchist journal published in Paterson, that he will go elsewhere and issue his paper under another name, his evident intention being to circumvent the postmaster general, who has denied him the use of the mails.

No surer, deadlier blow at anarchy can be struck than in the suppression of its literature. The insolent language employed by the writers of that class appeals to the weak and receptive mind for more readily than does the spoken word of those who are engaged in spreading the propaganda from the rostrum. The vigilance of the police in large cities serves as a check on the orators, who are thus guarded in their appeals, while the anarchist editors have written without restraint and advocated the most extreme measures.

The young Russian who exploded the bomb in Union Square Park admitted that he had been converted to anarchy through the literature of the organization and thousands of others can no doubt offer the same kind of testimony. If Congress follows the recommendations of the President, the action of this government should encourage other nations to follow our example until the gospel of anarchy is placed under a ban throughout the civilized world. Anarchy and society cannot endure side by side as "the survival of the fittest" is nature's inexorable law, there is no doubt as to the issue.

An Irrepressible Conflict.

There is now in the Democratic party, as for twelve years past, a fundamental trouble that has not been settled, but that will have to be cleared away some day with a severe wrench to the party. It may be possible during another quadrennial period to edge around the matter and defer the final trial of strength, but it must come at last according to the nature of human affairs.

A large number of Democrats have never been reconciled to Mr. Bryan and his popular theories and never will be. They hesitate to break away definitely, hoping that something will occur to end the Bryan spell on the party, or that the man himself will weaken in his remarkable persistency, but no relief of this kind is in sight at present. Prominent Democrats are reluctant to try for the nomination, knowing that if they should get it they would suffer the fate of Parker, as there is no doubt that Bryan would knife them in this campaign and at the polls in the same fashion.

Bryan was beaten in 1890 by 600,000 and in 1900 by 800,000. Through the defection of the Bryan supporters Parker was overwhelmed by 2,500,000. These are the horns of the dilemma. Defeat awaits the party either way. But it does not seem to realize that it must tear loose from Bryan positively before it can hope to command confidence in the national field. This sundering must inevitably come, but when or how does not appear at this time. Perhaps another defeat will bring it about, but that Bryan will ever voluntarily let go of the party, or genuinely support any man for president whom he could not name or control is improbable. When the party summons courage enough to defy its leadership and act for itself it will bring the situation to a point. No doubt it will be stormy, but storms clear the atmosphere.—*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*.

Free Trade and Free Ships.

If the contentions of the Governor of Minnesota had obtained from the beginning we would be a poverty stricken people engaged in agriculture and in the export of raw material, and depending upon foreign nations for practically all of our finished products. There never has been, and there is not now, one logical reason why the principle of protection should not be extended to our shipping industry, and the moment it is extended adequately, we shall have a merchant marine that will be the pride of every American, no matter how far he may be removed as to his residence from the sea.—*Cedar Rapids Republic*.

Drawbacks of Reciprocity.

Some of the more recent tariffs, like the Dingley act of the present day, had reciprocity stipulations, and in some instances these have been put into operation in a small way.

Mr. Blaine, the most conspicuous champion of the reciprocity idea, got that scheme incorporated into the McKinley law of 1890. But that principle had many drawbacks. With each of the various countries with which we would make especial deals we would have different rates of duties. Necessarily these breaks in the different spots in the tariff line would create jealousy among the countries which were discriminated against. Retaliatory against us would be threatened or would be perpetrated. Such reciprocity deals as we made never had a very long career. They introduced a confusion into our schedules which did us more harm than good. Hence, in recent years, the reciprocity idea has been losing favor. The flat rate to all countries, without granting special favors to any of them, has been preferred to the special deals on the isolated and miscellaneous "give and take" plan.—*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*.

Net Realistic.

Mrs. Suburb (at the theater)—I thought this was supposed to be a realistic play?

Suburb—And so it is, my dear.

Mrs. Suburb—But it isn't. Six months are supposed to elapse between the first and second acts.

Suburb—Well, what of it?

Mrs. Suburb—What of it? Why, they still have the same cook.

Preferable.

"Do you favor an early adjournment?" asked one member of Congress.

"Yes," answered the other. "It is better to let your constituents criticize the things you left undone than the mistakes you made."—*Washington Star*.

"It's Prospects, Too.

Critic—This play of yours is like a gloomy day.

Manager—In what respect?

Critic—It is overcast.—*Baltimore American*.

Acme of Cleverness.

Singleton—I suppose your wife is a clever woman?

Widderly—You bet she is! Why, she actually makes me believe that she knows less than I do.

Up and Down.

Stubb—All the world likes to see a man marry and settle down.

Finn—Except in the case of foreign noblemen. Then their creditors like to see them marry rich American girls and settle up.

Intermittent Devotion.

Mrs. Passer—That's right, my boy.

I'm glad to see you taking the baby for a walk. Do you do it often?

Willie—No, mom, not very. I see it ain't every day dat sue gets a nickel.

PROTECTIONIST FARMERS.

They Object to Free Trade in Canadian Farm Products.

The farmers of Iowa are practically all protectionists. They are all made rich on account of the high price of farm produce. The high price of farm produce came as a result of the prosperity attending the American workshop. All these conditions are made possible by the protective tariff. The farmers of Iowa are especially opposed to letting the farm products of Canada into the American market without the payment of duty. It is easy enough to say that it would do no harm to let the Canadian farmer trade with us on an equality. But it must be remembered that what the Canadian farmer lacks is a customer to buy his products. The American farmer is in possession of the customer. Give the Canadian farmer the American customer and the American farmer will lose him. Somebody on this side of the line must give up a customer if the Canadian gains him. Besides there are 13,000,000 of American customers who are nearer to the Canadian producer than they are to the American producer. Therefore, under free admission of Canadian products 13,000,000 of Americans would buy Canadian products and the American farmers' products would be shipped to Europe as a part of the surplus.

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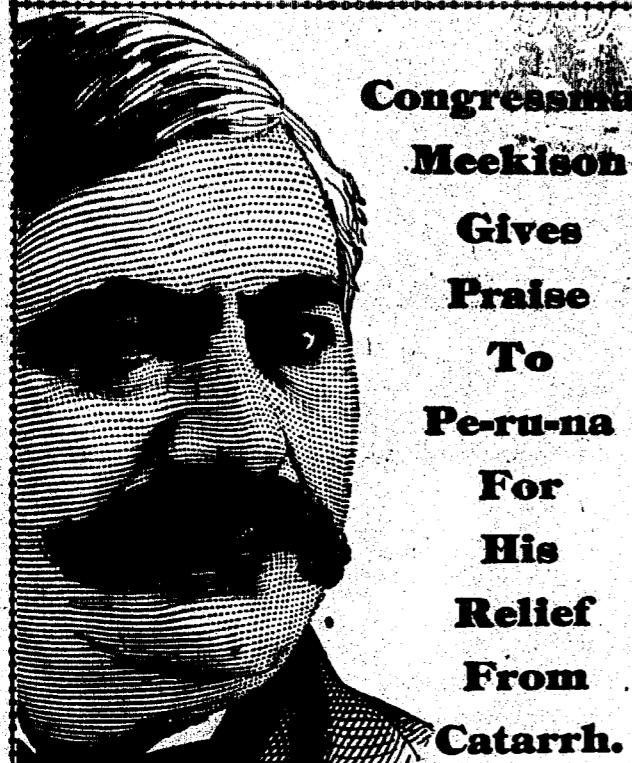
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HAD CATARRH THIRTY YEARS.



**Congressman
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To
Pe-ru-na
For
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From
Catarrh.**

CONGRESSMAN MEEKISON COMMENDS PE-RU-NA.

"I have used several bottles of Pe-ru-na and I feel greatly benefited thereby from my catarrh of the head. I feel encouraged to believe that if I use it a short time longer I will be fully able to eradicate the disease of thirty years' standing." —David Meekison.

OTHER REMARKABLE CURES.

Mr. Jacob L. Davis, Galena, Stone county, Mo., writes: "I have been ill for thirty-seven years, and after taking twelve bottles of your Pe-ru-na I am cured." Mr. C. N. Peterson, 102 South Main St., Council Bluffs, Iowa, writes: "I cannot tell you how much relief Pe-ru-na has given me. I was lying in my store began to tell on my health and I felt that I was gradually breaking down. I tried several remedies, but obtained no permanent relief until I took Pe-ru-na. I felt better immediately, and five bottles restored me to complete health."

A SINCERE RECOMMENDATION.

Mr. D. C. Prosser, Bravo, Allegan Co., Mich., writes: "Two years ago I was badly afflicted with catarrh of the stomach. I had had a run of typhoid fever, was very depleted. I could find nothing I could eat without causing distress and pain to stomach. Finally I came to the conclusion that I had catarrh of the stomach, was seeing Pe-ru-na advertised, began to take it. It helped me soon, and after taking three or four bottles I was entirely cured of stomach trouble, and can now eat anything."

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Far from it.
Uppardson—You smoke all the time, don't you?

Atom—No; half the time I don't smoke at all. I seldom touch a cigar between 9 p. m. and 9 a. m.

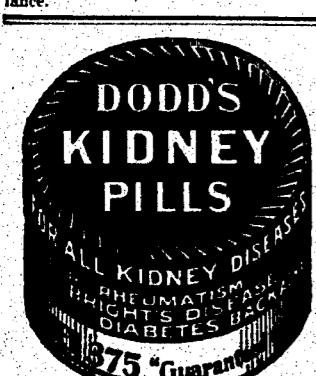
Garfield Tea is a natural laxative—it regulates the digestion, purifies the blood, cleanses the system, clears the complexion, brightens the eyes and brings the glow of splendid Health!

Masculine Exaggeration.
Mrs. Quimby—Archibald, do you know anything about those people who are moving in next door?

Mr. Quimby—All I know about them is that they are people of some consequence. Two men have just carried in the madam's spring hat.—Chicago Tribune.

Uncle Henry.
"Uncle Henry, what is a sociologist?" "A sociologist, my boy, is a person who can inspect a garbage can and find enough material in it for a long lecture on the needs of society."

A motor vehicle purchased by the town of Tynemouth, England, can be used as a prison van, fire apparatus or ambulance.



MOTHER GRAY'S SWEET POWDERS FOR CHILDREN.

A Gentle Cure for Fevers, Coughs, Colds, Whooping-Cough, Rheumatic Complaints, Neuralgia, Headaches, &c. &c. Mother Gray's Sweet Powders are made in 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 120, 150, 180, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 450, 500, 550, 600, 650, 700, 750, 800, 850, 900, 950, 1000, 1050, 1100, 1150, 1200, 1250, 1300, 1350, 1400, 1450, 1500, 1550, 1600, 1650, 1700, 1750, 1800, 1850, 1900, 1950, 2000, 2050, 2100, 2150, 2200, 2250, 2300, 2350, 2400, 2450, 2500, 2550, 2600, 2650, 2700, 2750, 2800, 2850, 2900, 2950, 3000, 3050, 3100, 3150, 3200, 3250, 3300, 3350, 3400, 3450, 3500, 3550, 3600, 3650, 3700, 3750, 3800, 3850, 3900, 3950, 4000, 4050, 4100, 4150, 4200, 4250, 4300, 4350, 4400, 4450, 4500, 4550, 4600, 4650, 4700, 4750, 4800, 4850, 4900, 4950, 5000, 5050, 5100, 5150, 5200, 5250, 5300, 5350, 5400, 5450, 5500, 5550, 5600, 5650, 5700, 5750, 5800, 5850, 5900, 5950, 6000, 6050, 6100, 6150, 6200, 6250, 6300, 6350, 6400, 6450, 6500, 6550, 6600, 6650, 6700, 6750, 6800, 6850, 6900, 6950, 7000, 7050, 7100, 7150, 7200, 7250, 7300, 7350, 7400, 7450, 7500, 7550, 7600, 7650, 7700, 7750, 7800, 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GRAYLING, THURSDAY, APR. 30

TIME TO WAKE UP.

The editor of Farm and Fireside, the National Farm paper, is on a sure 'uff' campaign for good roads. Read what he says in one of the April numbers:

"Bad roads produce a waste and burden market conditions. These affect every person throughout the land, and are, therefore, not a local question. Road condition in Illinois, for example, influence the price of produce in New York. Shall the residents of the city continue to suffer indefinitely because the farmer cannot or will not build good roads and relieve the situation? From the farmer's viewpoint the task is an impossible one. Therefore he usually pockets his loss, avails himself of his pride and does not attempt the task. Great undertakings, the benefits of which are country wide, have proven too great for local solution, and such as well as will lessen waste, conserve energy, advance civilization and increase wealth are legitimate government functions."

"If it is claimed that if the government took a hand in building the roads the people would become indifferent and lose interest, the answer is that under the plan proposed the government does not take a hand in building the roads; it only helps pay for a part of certain roads which the people build, and when the government wakes up, the people will wake up, too."

New Highway Law.

Brief Summary of Law Governing Commissioner and Overseer.

The voters do not seem to understand the new road law recently passed by the legislature. One new office is added, an overseer of highways who works under the highway commissioner who has charge of the roads of the entire township. All road taxes are paid in money.

We print below a brief summary of some of the important provisions of the act.

1. Each township, except where there are two geographical townships in one shall constitute but one road district.

2. At each spring election there shall be elected a highway commissioner and an overseer of highways, the salary of the former to be from \$2.00 to \$3.00 a day for time worked and that of the latter to be from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per day, the town board to determine the exact amount in each case.

3. The highways of townships are to be maintained by two funds; one to be known as the road repair tax assessable on all property outside of incorporated villages; said tax not to exceed fifty cents on each \$100 assessed.

4. The commissioner of highways of each township shall at the 1908 annual meeting thereafter submit a written report of road and bridge improvements for the preceding year and an estimate of what money should be raised the following year for permanent improvements on roads and bridges and also the amount needed for the repair tax fund. The town board shall submit such report to the town meeting in April and this meeting votes such money within the limits provided as they may deem necessary.

5. The highway improvement fund shall be expended by the highway commissioner under direction of the town board for permanent road and bridge improvement.

6. The road repair tax shall be expended for direct benefit of roads adjacent or near to the property taxed. But in case of surplus after repairs have been made then such surplus shall go for permanent improvement.

7. Before beginning work to improve permanently any road, such road shall be surveyed and profile thereof placed on file with town clerk.

Snow! Snow!

Tuesday morning gave us a snow-storm which melted as it fell, with mercury at 38°, but the following messages prove that we are in the favored section of the world. In the southern states, tornadoes and floods have caused immense damage.

St. Paul, Minn., April 27.—Street car service was delayed by a snowstorm here today.

Superior, Wis., April 27.—This city and vicinity today experienced one of the heaviest snowstorms of the year.

Denver, April 27.—The damage by frost the past two nights to the orchards in the Arkansas and Grand Valley and in the north fruit growing regions of Colorado is estimated at \$1,000,000.

Omaha, Neb., April 27.—The minimum temperature in Nebraska dropped to 29 last night accompanied in some parts of the state by a killing frost. Intermittent snow fell throughout the northern part of the state and continues today.

Bedelia, Mo., April 27.—There was a light fall of snow here and in the central part of Missouri early today.

The Man Who Came to Stay

You are cordially invited to attend an entertainment given under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church, at the Opera House to-night. We have engaged the Old Southland Sextette a company of colored ladies and gentlemen, who are spoken very highly of, both in regards to character and their most high ability as singers. They will entertain us with such songs as Plantation songs, Negro Melodies, Camp Meeting songs, Negro Lullabies, also Choruses, Quartette Trios, Duets and Solos. They will also favor us with selection as Steal away to Jesus, I have been listening all the night long. The reason we are having this in the Opera House is, account of not being able to accommodate the number that we expect to hear these singers. Everybody come and let us have a full house, and carry away something that will make life more real, more earnest and the grave not its goal! Admission 25, 25 and 35¢. Reserve seats on sale at the Central Drug Store. Children's tickets sold at door only. Come early and secure a good seat. Doors open at 7:30.

Boost.

Our editorial of a few weeks ago on "Knockers" seems to have hit the bull's eye a good fair shot for from all sides have come words of commendation.

We hardly expected any comments from anyone except those whose jaw-working propensities put them in the class to whom we were alluding, and were, therefore, unprepared for the friendly words of praise that we received. Only one single criticism has been heard, and that from a man whom we least expect.

It is generally conceded that nothing will rule a town quicker than a gang of chronic croakers.

It is also pretty generally conceded that nothing will raise a town out of its Rip Van Winkle lethargy and put it on a wide-awake booming basis, quicker than a lot of loyal citizens who are always boasting their home town.

One will put it on the bum. The other will put it on the boom.

One will make it a town of loafers, liars, dead-beats and backsliders, intent only of talking ill of everybody and everything.

The other will make it a town of wide awake, up to the minute hustlers intent on doing everybody and everything good and in the end helping themselves.

One will make it a town of fossilized old ladies, who have a notion that their Christian duty consists in acting as moral censor to the balance of the town.

The other will make it a town of respected and honored ladies who are so busily occupied in setting a good example and in doing good for others whose disposition is so amiable and whose countenance is so sunny, that they never seem to grow old.

We have in mind just such a lady, who lives in the just south end of town, whose kindly, motherly and joyous disposition is doing more to Christianize those with whom she comes in contact than a life time of twice on Sunday and Wednesday nights, practiced by another whom we have recently referred to.

Christianity, as any true Christian knows, does NOT consist in going to church four or five times a week, but solely and exclusively in DOING GOOD and living an exemplary Christian life. Church going is a help to Christians that will never be disputed by any sane man, but it by itself, will never make a true Christian. In fact it sometimes works just the opposite and turns out a despicable hypocrite.

So, if you desire to be happy yourself, if you want to be better men and women, if you want to put your foot down on the knockers, if you want to make better citizens of your children, if you want to improve your churches, your schools, your lodges and make the town a winner from every standpoint—then quit roasting your neighbors, quit knocking, put up your little hammer and go to BOOSTING. It will be a panacea for almost every local ill.

Use your grit, your vim, your push and energy in the right direction and your town will be the benefactor.

Promote harmony, cordiality, morality and honesty and a better and cleaner town will result.

Speak well of the old town, advertise it, talk about it, help to improve it, elect good men to office, advertise in its paper, fire the croakers, the liars, the dead-beats, the goons, the wranglers, the rag-chewers, the dirty black hearted hypocrites, the sidewalk spitters and the knockers. Let your object be the welfare, growth and promotion of your town and its people. Speak well of the public spirited men and be one of them yourself. Don't criticize those in charge of affairs for doing what you are perhaps to lazy or indifferent to do.

If you practice those things the old town would be a paradise—it would boom and you would prosper.

Will you BOOST or will you knock?

We leave it to your own good judgment as to which is the better plan.

Modern Robin Hood.

In England nothing has taken the place of the native gourds for archery. Perhaps the reason is that the old skill of wrist and eye is turned on to gourds, and we have lost not a quality, but a power exercise for it. Soon, it is to be hoped, Robin Hood and Little John will be found making bows with the Morris tube, instead of splitting wands with the arrow, over half the villages of England—County Corkman and Land and Water.

To the Children of Grayling.

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for the opening of the Star Entertainment or Moving Picture Show Every night in the week except Sunday, under a tent. It is both amusing and instructive. The program will be changed three times each week, with illustrated songs to accompany each change. The moves of each and every person, machine or animal on the curtain, will be the same as real every day life, and will be of the latest happenings of the day. Come and see us. Price of admission, Adults 10, Children 5c.

Presbyterian Church.

Sabbath May 3rd, 1908.

Morning service at 10:30 a. m.

Sabbath School at 11:45 a. m.

Children's Service at 3 p. m.

Epworth League at 5 p. m.

Preaching service 7:00 p. m.

Prayer meeting Thursday at 7 p. m.

Bible study at the Parsonage Monday at 7 p. m.

Those desiring to unite with the church and were not present last Sabbath will be received Sunday morning.

All are cordially invited.

E. G. JOHNSON, Pastor.

Attention Sons of Veterans.

J. N. Ripley, of Fenton, Mich.; the Division Commander, would like to correspond with any S. of V., or G. A. R., in the city, for the purpose of reinstating the old camp or to organize a new camp. Do not pass this notice by but some one answer it, as these Headquarters will certainly pay tribute to any one answering this if we are successful in organizing a local camp. We will not lay any communication aside, and if you write us you certainly will get a reply and perhaps to your credit.

J. N. RIPLEY,

Com. Mich. Div. S. of V.

Levels Locals.

Mr. and Mrs. Underhill returned Tuesday, from Mexico.

Mrs. Rosalie went to West Branch, Tuesday.

Meas. Papenbos and Sabs have bought a horse, wagon and new harness.

J. W. Pluin is established on the Dyer farm, an tenant for N. C. Cates.

Joe and Ben Kraus were calling on Dr. Underhill Wednesday.

Miss Margaret Huston is calling on her sister, Mrs. T. E. Douglas, and Mrs. C. Stellwagen.

Mrs. Dodd of Johannesburg, and Mrs. T. Walking of Lowell were out for trout, Thursday, and caught 25 fine ones.

Mrs. Josephine Douglas returned Monday from the hospital, where she had an operation performed. She is feeling much better.

Miss E. DeFresno and Mrs. Harrison were doing business at Johannesburg.

Jacob Trux is building a barn 40x60. He does not believe in stacking hay out on the farm. Good farmers raise plenty of feed as well as clover in this poor worthless country.

Elmer Bowman lost a valuable horse last week.

Miss Etta Mark went to Johannesburg.

Charlie Lee is doing some farming.

Frank Papenbos and August Sabs will do some farming on Joe Simms' place in addition to clearing up their land. Meas. P. and S. are workers, and will not starve in this country.

DAN.

The real gift of sweet-pea culture is to keep the blossoms picked clean and not to allow a single seed pod to form; if it is allowed, then addien to a further supply of flowers. The mission of all plant life is to reproduce its species, and thwarted in that by the removal of its blossoms will persistently repeat its efforts to produce seed. Once that is accomplished it rests, content, from its labor. Like the pony bed, the vines must be gone over every day and all withered blossoms removed; better still, pick every blossom as it opens yet if this has begun to wither.

—The New Idea Women's Magazine for May.

DYNAMITE YOUR STUMPS Ask your Dealer for Ajax Dynamite

Safest, quickest and best in the market. Branded with the percent of nitroglycerine, as required by law. Ask your Dealer, write us and we will refer you to Dealer near you, and send you book of instructions which cannot fail to interest you.

AJAX DYNAMITE WORKS, BAY CITY, MICH.

A Prescription For Constipation.

Eminent medical authorities agree that ninety per cent of their patients suffer from ailments due to clogged bowel (Constipation).

The bowels become clogged with impurities and body poisons, causing biliousness, colds, stomach troubles, headache, rheumatism, deranged liver and kidneys, etc.

A tonic laxative is prescribed in nearly every case. Those who need a laxative may use this prescription with the assurance that no harmful result will follow its use. It has been given to the Public in tablet form and is known as Iron-ox (Laxative Iron-Ox Tablets) and are put up in aluminum pocket cases.

The formula is wrapped around the case. The action of each ingredient is explained, that you may understand why Laxative Iron-Ox Tablets are the safest Laxative to use; they strengthen the bowels, aid digestion, and keep the liver and kidneys healthy and active. We have secured the selling agency for Laxative Iron-Ox Tablets and recommend them to our customers.

A. M. LEWIS & CO.

DRUGGIST AND BOOKSELLERS.

Easter Past!

But you are still looking for dainty presents to give to your friends.

Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, APR. 30

Local and Neighborhood News.

Take Notice.

The date following your address on this paper shows to what time your subscription is paid. Our terms are \$1.00 per year. If your time is up, please renew promptly. A X following your name means we want our money.

All advertisements, communications, correspondences, etc., must reach us by Tuesday noon, and can not be considered later.

For fire insurance see R. W. Brink.

Born—Thursday, April 23; to Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Peterson, a son.

Fresh butter and eggs at the "Bank" grocery.

Farmers are pushing their plows in great shape for their spring crops.

Ladies! have you seen the latest in cedar pine? Hathaway has them.

Our Alteration sale closes May 1. G. M. Co.

For sewing machines, the best in the market, and at the lowest price, call at the AVAHLANCHE office.

FOR SALE—A 250 egg "Success" incubator, practically new.

LEE WINSLOW.

FOR SALE—Good house with 10 acres on the south side, and other property at a bargain if sold at once. Apply to CHAS. S. CLARK.

The Citizens Band will give a concert at the Opera House Friday evening, May 6th. We will publish the program next week.

Fishing is the overwhelming subject of conversation in this section and fish stories are plenty, but the fish are fine.

B. H. Hellen Chicago brought up over thirty home seekers last week, nearly all from Ill. and some of them are already located.

MARRIED—At the Manistee House by Rev. A. C. Kildegaard on Monday afternoon April 27th, 1908. Mr. Samuel Mc Donald and Miss Harriet Rorer.

It is reported that over sixty families are located in this, and the north part of Roscommon County since April 1st. There is room for more and they are coming fast.

NOTICE—Will the person who took a china salad dish out of the W. R. C. Hall please return the same as it was a token of remembrance by the owner, and it will oblige.

Mrs. Wright.

WANTED—To purchase 2 good horses, about 1200 pounds each; 2 new milch cows; 100 chickens; 4 one year pigs; for delivery at Grayling or Lovell. Address J. W. PLUIN, Judges, Mich.

Mrs. Daniel McKay is made happy by the presence of her daughter, Mrs. G. E. Stannard, nym of Salt Lake City, who in years past has been here enough to be well acquainted with our people.

F. O. Peck has been assisting his brother-in-law, Mr. A. Scriver in getting settled and starting his spring work on the farm just purchased in Maple Forest.

F. R. Deckrow has sold his Maple Forest farm home to Mr. Marahal of Ill. who has taken possession. Mr. Deckrow will live on the Sherman place next to J. K. Bates' for this season until he decides for the future.

FOR SALE—My 40 acre farm on east side of Portage Lake, 12 acres cleared. Buildings in fair condition. Will rent at very low rate to the right party. H. A. RAYNE, 672 Hayes St., San Francisco, Cal.

There will be large breadth of clover sown in the country this year. The success of the crop here is proven and is bringing big money to those who had seed on hand this year.

Three strings of pearl beads were lost last Sunday between the village and the east side of School Section Lake. The finder will please return to Miss Ida Hammond or leave at this office.

Tomorrow is Arbor Day, as per proclamation of the Governor. We have not heard of any public observance of the day here, even by the school, though the Superintendent of Public Instruction has urged the schools of the state to recognize the day.

Hubbard Head was in town last week, and any one hearing his optimistic talk of the agricultural future of this section, might easily take him for blind optimism. But he is not and only quotes facts learned from his own experience and observation.

If you do not see right, see George Wright, who will be here in about a week, ready and glad to see his old patients, whom he has served for the past twelve years and any new ones who may require his services. Anything in the optical line, scientific treatment and fair dealing. First three days next week at McClain's restaurant. Call or leave word.

Three men living in the vicinity of Johannesburg were arrested on Sunday last on a charge of dynamiting fish in the AuSable river, on the complaint of the game warden. They were taken before a justice of the peace and fined heavily, one of them paying \$57. When arrested it is stated they had several bushels of fish. The practice is a reprehensible one and no fine is too severe.

Have you heard the Rollins records for May at Hathaways?

Don't forget the Candy Sale at Salling, Hanson's on May 2. Given by the Juniors.

Repairs of homes in the village are being rapidly pushed and a number of new ones planned.

The Ladies Aid will serve a 15c supper at Mrs. Countryman's, Friday evening. Everybody is welcome.

Sheriff Amidon took Frank Duch to the Detroit House of Correction yesterday for 60 days board to pay for his larceny.

Mrs. H. Dudd of Johannesburg was a welcome visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Wright a couple of days last week.

The regular business meeting of the Ladies Union will be held at the home of Mrs. Woodfield Friday May 1st. Members please attend.

R. Mitchell of Millersburg, Presque Isle Co., announces himself as a candidate for the office of Representative from this District, and there are others.

The excavation under the Merchantile Co's Store is nearly completed and walls nearly in. The new front will probably be completed this week, if the weather permits.

The first division of St. James Episcopal Guild will serve a 15c supper at the home of Mrs. Wm Mc Neven on Ionic Street on Wednesday, May 6. All are invited.

J. O. Cunningham has secured the agency for the Indianapolis Fire Ins. Co., with a cash capital of \$200,000, and is ready to protect you from loss by fire. Call at the office for rates.

It has cost over \$1000,000 to make the public acquainted with the words "Queen Quality." The makers cannot afford to cheapen the shoe whose reputation has cost that much.

G. M. Co.

There was a pleasant family gathering at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Larson last Sunday. Mr. O. Schroeder and wife, and Mrs. George Wickes and son being with others to enjoy the social hours and a fine banquet.

Mias Laura London has left the case in the Avalanche office where she had become an expert compoisor, and gone to her farm in Maple Forest, proposing to engage in chicken cult. She will be missed from her place here, but goes with best wishes of heats of friends.

Confirmation at the Lutheran Church.

Four young girls, Methe Hanson, Anna Beck, Marion Salling and Christine Peterson were confirmed at the Danish Lutheran Church last Sunday. Before the confirmation the four girls proved that they knew and understood the fundamental doctrines of Christianity in answering numerous Bible questions and in reciting and explaining passages from Luther Catechism.

After above examination their Pastor expressed it as his hope and prayer that God would bless the instructions which they had received, that He would give them strength to believe and keep their baptismal covenant, that they might grow in grace and in knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The touching and impressive ceremony of confirmation was now performed in which the catechumens of their accord came forward to the Alter of Christ and in the presence of the assembled congregation, their lips confessed the faith of their hearts, into which they had been baptized, as a child; voluntarily they promised to endeavor to hold fast to that which they have and be faithful until death.

After the confirmation their Pastor spoke to them of the great promise they now had made the greatest they could make in life on earth, but even if their vows were great, God promises to them is greater. He says:

"Be faithful until death and I will give you the crown of life." Live your lives so that you may be likened unto good ground, by letting the word sown in your hearts grow and bear manifold fruit. Thereby will receive strength to overcome all temptation, which is in life, but instead God will strengthen you as the weak and lowly to love one another.

Watch and pray that you enter not into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. If you will be faithful listen to the Apostles word: "I am confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun the good work in you until the day of Jesus Christ."

Plenty of Trouble

is caused by stagnation of the liver and bowels, to get rid of it and headache and biliousness and the poison that brings jaundice, take Dr. King's New Life Pills, the reliable purifiers that do the work without grinding or gripping. 25c. at A. M. Lewis & Co.'s drug store.

ESTRAY-NOTICE.

I have taken a stray buck sheep on April 26th 1908 on my premises, owner to identify and prove same and pay for this ad and damages.

LEON J. STEPHAN.

Eighth Grade Examination.

There will be held in the High School room at Grayling an eighth grade examination, Thursday and Friday, May 7th and 8th. The questions on Reading will be based upon the "Chambered Nautilus" written by Oliver Wendell Holmes.

J. E. BRADLEY. County Commissioner.

A Twenty year Sentence.

"I have just completed a twenty year health sentence, imposed by Bucklen's Arnica Salve, which cured me of bleeding piles just twenty years ago," writes O. G. Woolever of LeRayville, N. Y. "Bucklen's Arnica Salve heals the worst sores, boils, burns, wounds and cuts in the shortest time." 25c. at A. M. Lewis & Co.'s drug store.

For Sale.

A good farm team weighing about 2700 pounds will be sold cheap for cash, or on time on good paper. They are in good condition and ready for work. Call or address A. L. WILSON Frederic, Mich.

We Got What He Needed.

"Nine years ago it looked as if my time had come," says Mr. C. Farthing of Mill Creek, Ind. Ter. "I was so run down that life hung on a very slender thread. It was then my druggist recommended Electric Bitters. I bought a bottle and I got what I needed—strength. I had one foot in the grave, but Electric Bitters put it back on the turf again, and I've been well ever since." Sold under guarantee at A. M. Lewis & Co.'s drug store. 50c.

For Sale.

The finest fishing resort in this section is offered for sale by Joseph Fynn, it is four miles East of Grayling, fronting on 30 rods on the AuSable River, and can be bought if taken quickly for less than the value of the buildings, which consist of a large framed club house, a six roomed residence, large guest house, carriage house, work shop, large barn and other buildings. Call on Mr. Fynn or address the AVAHLANCHE at Grayling, Mich.

Death Was On His Heels.

Jesus P. Morris, of Skippers, Va., had a close call in the spring of 1908. He says: "An attack of pneumonia left me so weak and with such a fearful cough that my friends declared consumption had me and death was on my heels. Then I was persuaded to try Dr. King's New Discovery. It helped me immediately, and after taking two and half bottles I was a well man again. I found out that New Discovery is the best remedy for coughs and lung diseases. In all the cases I have seen it has been successful." Sold under guarantee at A. M. Lewis & Co.'s drug store. 50c and up. Trial bottle free.

Job Printing.

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Now is the Time to buy at very LOW PRICES.

The following is a list of lace curtains that are closed out regardless of cost, some of them have hung up as samples and are therefore more or less soiled, others are as good as ever only they are patterns that we wish to drop and give room for new goods.

1 pair No. P380, regular price \$4.20	Closing out price \$2.90
1 pair No. N225, regular price \$2.25	Closing out price \$1.65
2 pairs No. 14H, regular price \$2.25 per pair	Closing out price \$1.25 per pair
1 only curtain No. N455 regular price \$5.90 per pair	Closing out price \$2.00
1 1/2 pairs No. RB regular price \$3.15 per pair	Closing out price \$2.50 for all
1 only curtain No. N162 regular price \$1.20 per pair	Closing out price 30 cents
1 only curtain No. 1B regular price 95c. per pair	Closing out price 20 cents
1 pair No. 14B, regular price 99c. per pair	Closing out price 68 cents
1 only curtain No. 2B, regular price 90c. per pair	Closing out price 20 cents
1 only curtain No. 640 regular price 90 cents	Closing out price 20 cents
1 only curtain No. 3B, regular price \$3.00 per pair	Closing out price 75 cents

This completes the story, do not delay, call today,

Sorenson's Furniture Store.

THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO BUY COFFEE.

One is the *Price*. The other is to make sure about *quality*. For the same price you can buy coffee that has been stored away, exposed to dampness, foreign odors and flavors or you can buy coffee that is fresh from the roasters in air tight cans retaining all that fine delicate rich flavor. The latter way is the way in which you buy coffee from us.

HOW CAN YOU TELL?

The proof's in the drinking. We have three grades 18, 25 and 35c. Try a pound and be convinced.

The Bank Grocery, S. S. PHELPS JR., Prop'r.

SEEDS! SEEDS! SEEDS!

Yes, We have the Seeds

and it is time for you to get them now. Seed Oats three varieties; Seed Buckwheat, Millet Seed, Clover Seeds, Alfalfa Seed, Grass Seed, Seed Peas, yes we can supply you with seeds of all kinds, and tools, Plows, Harrows, Cultivators, Disk Harrows, Potato Planters, Corn Planters, Hand Seed Sowers, Wire Stretchers, Scythes, Snaths, Bush Hooks, Barbed Wires, Staples, Woven Wire Fencing Buggies, Wagons, Hay and Straw, in fact anything in the implement line, for cash or on time, your credit is good. Call on us for bargains!

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The S. B. Brott Implement Co. Wellington, Michigan.



Job Printing
Promptly and neatly done.
At this office.

EASTER GREETING!

Our Spring line of Easter Wearables is now complete. We are showing the largest and most exclusive line of goods ever displayed in Grayling.

Ladies' Waists for Spring and Summer; a beautiful collection in Silks, Lawn and Net at from 50c to \$5.00.

Ladies' Oxfords

Ladies' Oxfords, the Queen Quality, in tan and black \$2.50—3.00.

Alteration Sale on all Shoes and Oxfords.

Ladies' Skirts.

A big Show of Ladies' Skirts at \$4.50 and up.

Ladies' Gloves.

Silk and Kid Gloves for Ladies' in 16 and 12 button lengths. All colors in short Kid Gloves.

Boys' Suits.

Boys' Suits for Easter and Confirmation, with bloomer or straight pants. Blue Serge and the many new plaids and stripes, \$2.50 and up.

Men's Work Shirts 39c

Men's Cotton Pants, 75c

Our Alteration Sale is still in full force, and all new spring goods are included in this Sale.

The Avalanche

O. PALMER, Publisher.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Progress of Pennant Race in Base Ball League.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

	W.	L.	W.	L.
Chicago	7	2	Brooklyn	5
New York	6	4	Cincinnati	5
Pittsburgh	6	4	Philadelphia	4
Boston	5	3	St. Louis	2

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

	W.	L.	W.	L.
Columbus	10	2	Milwaukee	6
Toledo	8	2	Kansas City	5
Indianapolis	7	3	Minneapolis	2
Louisville	6	5	St. Paul	1

WESTERN LEAGUE.

	W.	L.	W.	L.
Denver	9	3	Iowa Moines	5
Omaha	7	3	Lincoln	3
Sioux City	6	3	Pueblo	2

JUDGE'S INTERIOR TOSPY TURVY

Doctors Flat Organs of St. Louis Jar in Strange Confusion.

Surgeons in Johns Hopkins' hospital in Baltimore, during an autopsy on the body of Judge John E. McKeighen of St. Louis, were astonished to discover that instead of the internal organs being arranged in the usual way, they were scattered about in almost unbelievable ways. The judge's heart was turned in a position the reverse from normal, his kidneys were united by a ligament in the shape of a horseshoe, and the liver was upside down, with the gall bladder on top. Many of the smaller organs were a chaos of entangling cords and fatty substances. How Judge McKeighen lived with such a strange transposition of the organs puzzles surgeons. The judge lived to be 66 years old, and was considered one of the ablest lawyers of St. Louis.

\$750,000 BRIDGE IS DYNAMITED.

Unfinished Structure Partly Wrecked—Nonunion Men Employed.

The new Bristol County steel bridge, which is to connect Fall River, Mass., and the town of Somerset across the Taunton River, was badly damaged by a mysterious explosion of dynamite. The bridge is being built for the county at a cost of \$750,000, and was to have been completed in two months. It is estimated that the loss to the contractors will reach \$15,000 by the explosion. Investigation showed that a charge of fifty pounds of dynamite was placed on the granite pier nearest the Fall River shore and fired by the use of a long fuse. The contractors, who began the work on the bridge a year or more ago, are Hobrook, Cabot & Rollins of Boston. They employ nonunion workmen.

REFUSE BRITISH IMMIGRANTS.

III-Feeling Stirred Up Between Mother Country and Canada.

By the refusal of Canada to accept poor immigrants from London and other English cities, relations between the mother country and the colony are becoming strained. During the past few weeks the Canadian immigration commissioner in London refused to give his sanction for the emigration of hundreds of persons whom the church army proposed to send over. This policy has been rather severely criticised in England by those who believe that "Canada owes it to the empire" to take those who cannot find work at home.

Face Wealth's Symbol.

Mrs. Caroline Williams, 80 years old, whose picture is the original for the design on the silver dollar, has just been taken to the Broome County (N. Y.) poorhouse. For years she has lived in a house owned by Jacob Berkelye, in the town of Kirkwood. Mr. Berkelye gave her house and garden rent free and she supported herself by making rugs. Mr. Berkelye recently died, and she no longer had a home and was compelled to give up rug making.

Ocean Boats in Collision.

The American line steamship St. Paul, which left Southampton on her regular voyage bound for New York Saturday afternoon in a dense snowstorm, rammed and destroyed the British second-class cruiser Gladiator off the Isle of Wight. The first reports stated that from twenty to thirty of the Gladiator's crew had been drowned, but later intelligence reduced the number of casualties greatly.

Saves Women in Fire Dies Himself.

After rescuing several young women employees from the burning building of the Independent Telephone Company in Waco, Texas, R. M. Goode, a watchman, was suffocated when he re-entered the building to assist another to safety.

350 Lives Are Lost.

The final list shows forty-six towns to have been ruined by the Southern tornado, about 350 lives to have been lost, and 2,500 buildings to have been completely destroyed.

Annam Provinces Rebel.

The natives of the Central Annam provinces are reported to be in a state of rebellion against the local Mandarin, owing to the cruel practices of this official.

Canadian Hamlet Destroyed.

Thirty-one persons were killed and half of the picturesque little village of Notre Dame de Salle, sixteen miles from Buckingham, Quebec, was covered by a landslide Sunday. Twenty houses were engulfed in the slide.

Convicted Wife Murderer Kills Self.

John J. Taylor, convicted of killing his wife at Coal Basin, Colo., and sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary, cheated the court order by hanging himself in his cell at the county jail. He used a rope made of strips of his bedding.

Dies on Runaway Train.

Four Italian laborers were killed, two were fatally injured and eight others were less seriously hurt by the wrecking of a runaway train on the Lehigh Lumber Company's log road near Williamsport, Pa. Twenty-five Italians were on the train when it ran away.

Nine Business Blocks Burn.

Nine business blocks were wiped out by fire in Richmond, Vt. The loss is \$100,000. The blaze started in Sandwick's drug store, a two-story wooden block. It was checked at the Belvedere hotel, after destroying the structure.

172 DEAD IN STORMS, HAVOC IN 13 STATES

COSTLY AND HANDSOME BUILDINGS BURNED IN THE DISASTROUS \$10,000,000 FIRE WHICH SWEPT THE CITY OF CHELSEA, MASSACHUSETTS.

Tornadoes from Dakotas to Gulf Lay Farms Waste and Injure 460.

SOUTH BEARS THE BRUNT.

Many Towns in Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana Destroyed, with Big Death Lists.

A hundred and seventy-two persons are believed to have been killed and 460 injured, many fatally, in a tornado which Friday swept thirteen States of the Union from the Dakotas to the Gulf of Mexico, leaving a trail of destroyed villages, ruined farms, devastated countrysides and bereaved households.

The full weight of the storm fell on the States of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, where many small towns were badly damaged. Before bursting on that part of the country the tornado traversed North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Tennessee and Oklahoma.

Where Lives Were Lost.

The following is a summary of the damage reported:

	Killed.	Injured.
Natchez, Miss., district	64	123
Amite, La.	45	73
Dora, Ala.	5	50
Warrior, Ala.	2	5
Vidalia, La.	5	6
Richland, La.	4	102
Albertville, La.	30	60
Columbus, Miss.	1	2
Lamore, La.	1	1
Deport, Texas	1	5
Nebraska	14	1
Walls, Miss.	1	1
White Station, Tenn.	2	2
Baxter, Miss.	8	8
Shawnee, Okla.	5	5
St. Louis, Mo.	3	3
Alton, Ill.	1	1
Clinton, Iowa	2	1
Lakota, N. D.	1	1
Unidentified Ala. town	3	3
Winchester, Miss.	2	2
Total	172	460

In the vicinity of Natchez, Miss., six-tenths persons were killed and 120 injured. Hundreds of houses were destroyed. The tornado plowed through the counties of Adams, Jefferson and Claiborne, Mississippi, for a distance of fifty miles, leveling every building when it came in its way. Its path was a thousand feet wide. The town of Vidalia, across the river in Louisiana, was badly damaged. Many injured persons have been taken to the hospital at Natchez.

In Louisiana it is estimated that a score of small towns were destroyed or partially wrecked. They include Amite City, Arcadia and Independence, Belle Grove, Melton, Lorman, Pine Ridge, Quitman Landing, Fairchild's Creek, Purvis and Lumberton, Miss., are reported seriously damaged by the storm.

Already 11 bodies have been recovered amidst the ruins of the burned city and it is feared that this number will be greatly increased as the work of clearing away the debris goes forward. The flames swept over the doomed city with such rapidity that many persons were barely able to escape with their lives. The fleeing residents could not even save their household effects. Some people removed their possessions from their homes in the burning district to another section of the city to have them burned later when the flames swept entirely across the town.

Plans are going rapidly forward toward rebuilding the burned district. Fortunately the securities of all the banks, which were burned, were found to be safe in the vaults and Chelsea bankers say they stand ready to pay dollar for dollar to depositors. The monetary loss occasioned by the fire will approximate \$10,000,000. To offset this there is an insurance of \$4,500,000 and the insurance companies state they are able to pay all policies in full.

IN FIRE-SWEPT CHELSEA.

Relief Measures on a Great Scale Are Being Successfully Carried Out.

System and order have succeeded in chaos in fire-swept Chelsea, Mass. Relief committees have now an almost perfect organization. Nearly 10,000 persons are homeless and destitute and providing shelter and food for these is a difficult problem. From all parts of the State of Massachusetts money, clothes and provisions have poured into the stricken city. It is estimated that fully \$500,000 will be subscribed for the relief of the sufferers.

Secretary Taft, upon reaching Cincinnati for a rest among old friends after his trip West, expressed the belief that "woman suffrage will come eventually."

In passing through Nebraska on his way to Kansas, Gov. Johnson declared that W. J. Bryan has passed the zenith of his popularity and joined the "haves."

Secretary Taft made a clean sweep of the Minnesota county conventions. Even in Hennepin, claimed as a La Follette stronghold, the convention instructed for Taft.

In New York Frank Duffy, an election district captain who was convicted of having assisted thirty men to register falsely at the last election in the Seventeenth Assembly District, was sentenced

to prison for five years for his role in the cement house plot.

Edison Cement House Report.

An authoritative investigation of the much-disputed poor man's mansion, as the pourdeusement house, to be completed in a day at small cost, has been described, has now been made by two experts, whose reports appear in the March number of the Cement Age. The inventor of this magic house plan, Thomas A. Edison, was put through a rigid examination by the experts—E. S. Larned, chairman of the test committee of the National Association of Cement Users, and Percy H. Wilson, secretary of the Association of Portland Cement Manufacturers, both civil engineers of high standing. Edison explained to them his method of overcoming the settling of the poured cement in his complete house molds, which is by adding colloids (clay) and electrolytes to the mass of concrete, which give the uniform flow desired and prevent segregation of the gravel.

Mr. Larned is sceptical about the effectiveness of these methods after the cement comes to a standstill. Edison's mixture is one part cement to three of sand and five of stone or gravel, through a half-inch sieve.

The steel re-enforcements will be put in place when the molds are set up. Larned admits that the forms are entirely feasible, their total weight being 280,000 pounds and their estimated cost is \$25,000. Edison says these can be erected in two days. Both the investigators doubt that the proposed houses can be built in the time stated by Edison. Mr. Wilson finds that Edison has not yet proved that the added clay will not delay the hardening of the mass, and cannot be certain that the stone will not flow uniformly.

Another Sleeping Sickness Case.

At Glen Cove, L. I., the fourth recorded American case of the disease known as sleeping sickness, from which 200,000 people have died in Central Africa, has resulted fatally, the victim being Howard Price, the 25-year-old son of a well-to-do merchant. This illness was of three weeks' duration and was the first the young man had ever experienced.

He was one of a family of seven children, all of whom are healthy. The first and constant symptom was the uncontrollable desire to sleep which came upon him suddenly as he was out walking. Until near the end he was able to eat and lost little weight. He appeared well, and went among company a day or two before he went to sleep for the last time.

Tennessee State Oil Trust.

The Supreme Court of Tennessee has decided that the Standard Oil Company may engage only in interstate commerce in that State, affirming the decision of Chancellor Stout at Gallatin based upon acts held to be in restraint of trade. The company has appealed to the United States Supreme Court.

Prof. Koch on a World Tour.

After having been closed for three months the plant of the Alabama Consolidated Coal and Iron Company at Gadsden, Ala., has been put in blast.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS.

Mme. Fritzi Schell is seeking divorce from her husband, Baron Frederick von Bardleben.

Work has been resumed with full forces at the mines on the Mesaba range, but no shipping is expected before June 1.

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PICTURES BY INTERNATIONAL PRESS CARD CO.

YMCAs Building.

Soldiers Home.

Chelsea Square.



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Chelsea, one-third of which was destroyed by fire recently, is a charter city of Massachusetts, distant not more than three miles from the center of Boston. The place was settled in 1620 at Wlanistinet, and was a part of Boston from 1634 to 1638. It was incorporated as a city in 1867.

Among the places burned were: Frost Hospital, Children's Hospital, Fritz Public Library, New England Telephone and Telegraph Company's central office, Austin & Young's cracker factory, Chaplin & Soden Car Company's shop, County Savings Bank, Chelsea Savings Bank, Chelsea Trust Company, Wlanistinet National Bank

Michigan State News

FRIGHTENED BY FROST.

Cold Hits Pecan Belt—"Retrench, Cry the Growers."

Retrenchment, spelled with a big R, is the new policy in the peach belt as a result of the other night's sudden drop in temperature. Every spring Michigan peach growers begin anticipating their summer's crop. As the season progresses without a cold snap, owners of orchards begin to send for automobile and piano catalogues. Every season the cold snap comes, and the catalogues are used to stoke the fires necessitated by the unusual temperature. The recent cold weather is much the same as that of other springs, and, when the growers have recovered from their scare, the trees will bloom and the peaches will ripen as they always do. Next fall, it is anticipated, there will be the usual number of new autos tooling up and down the highways, and the customary number of new pianos upon which family hopefuls are pounding out the scale.

ASKS HUSBAND'S RETURN.

Couple Are Reunited After Year's Estrangement.

"Mother, send for Marion," cried Mrs. Marion Mason as she lay on her death bed in Owosso. Estranged a year ago, parting in anger, the man responded to the appeal that reached him in Detroit and came. In that year Mason had not looked upon the face of his wife. Three weeks ago the young woman was attacked by spinal meningitis. As she failed, and realized that death was near, the old love returned and in her agony Mrs. Mason pleaded with her mother to send for the man whose name she bore. Mason came on the first train. The meeting that occurred in the sick room was pathetic and in those last hours the bitter past was forgotten. The disease had taken a firm hold on the young woman. Mason stayed constantly by the bedside until death ended his vigil.

HIGH SCHOOL IS BURNED.

Loss at Corunna Is \$30,000, with \$22,000 Insurance.

Fire early the other morning destroyed the high school in Corunna, causing a loss of \$30,000. The insurance is \$22,000. The flames are thought to have started in the chemical laboratory. A special meeting of the school board was held the same afternoon and a lease taken on the old Commercial hotel. This and several other buildings will be used the rest of the school year. A committee was appointed to confer with architects relative to plans for a new high school. One of the most serious losses in connection with the fire was that of the city library in which were many rare books.

RETURNS GOOD FOR EVIL.

Disowned by Brother, He Leaves Him \$2,000.

"I'll bury him when he dies. He's nothing to me now." Two months ago John Wilson, a prosperous farmer of Lambton township, is alleged to have made the foregoing remark when asked if he would care for his brother, August Wilson, who was about to be sent to the poorhouse. A dispatch from the poorhouse the other day announced the sudden death of August Wilson and a search of his effects revealed an insurance policy for \$2,000 with John Wilson named as beneficiary. The money will be given to the man who, it is alleged, disowned his brother.

MAY SWING TOWARD DREY.

Muskegon Arouses Over Sale of Liquor to Boys.

The arrest of Gus Keene, charged with selling liquor to minors, will, it is believed, start a wave of prohibition sentiment throughout Muskegon city and county. Keene is alleged to have sold to five boys, all under 17 years old, and their parents swear the boys had to crawl home on hands and knees. Keene also faces another charge of illegal liquor traffic.

WATER DRAUGHT KILLS CHILD

Girl Chokes While Drinking from a Faucet.

Death in one of its most peculiar forms occurred to 3-year-old Alia Gunnerson at the home of her parents in Norway. The child went to the hydrant for a drink. She put her lips to the faucet to quench the water. The parents found the child in this position later, but could not release her. A physician was summoned and on his arrival he discovered that the child had succumbed by either drowning or choking.

Upholds Tax Sale Law.

In deciding the case of John M. Longyear vs. William Toolan and Alexander McMillan against Longyear, the Supreme Court of the United States has upheld the Michigan law authorizing the sale of property to pay delinquent taxes. Toolan and McMillan laid claim to a certain tract of land in Clinton county under such a sale and were antagonized by Longyear, who contended that the sale was contrary to the fourteenth amendment of the federal constitution in that it authorized the taking of property without due process.

Judge Discharges Dibble.

Henry J. Dibble, charged with perjury in the Grange conspiracy case of a year ago in Allegan, was discharged by Judge Clarence W. Sessions of Muskegon, when it became known that he had been promised immunity for his testimony.

Children Alone, House Burns.

While two small children were alone in the house, fire completely destroyed the home of George Krause near Muskegon Heights. The loss on house and contents is \$1,000, with no insurance.

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GIRL DIES IN FLAMES.

Child Akiane Crawls Under Bed, Setting House Afire.

Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Bertuccelli lost their 3-year-old daughter, with their house and its contents, in Baldwin, by fire. The mother had gone to a neighbor's, leaving the little girl, who was crippled, a 3-weeks-old baby and three other children in the house. According to the story of one of the other children, a handkerchief which the little girl was drying at the stove caught fire, the blaze communicated to her clothing. Throwing the handkerchief against the wall, the child crawled under a bed as was her custom when doing anything wrong. The walls were covered with building paper, which quickly ignited and when the mother returned the house was in flames. In endeavoring to drag the burning child from her hiding place, Mrs. Bertuccelli's clothing also caught fire and she was only saved by a neighbor's tearing her clothing from her and pushing her from the house. Her face and hair were burned severely. The little one's face, when the body was recovered, was charred and the limbs burned away. The other children were saved.

BORN, A DRY VILLAGE.

No Property for Saloon Trade Can Be Bought or Leased in Givian. That no intoxicating liquor for use as a beverage shall be sold on the premises is an important condition precedent to the transfer to any purchaser of lots in the new town of Givian. This village is the model municipality which the Cleveland Cliffs Iron Company is establishing in the Swansea mining district of southern Marquette county. The town will not be absolutely "dry," since the establishment of a single saloon on leased ground is to be permitted, but the sale of intoxicants is to be hedged in with such restrictions as to put the liquor business on a plane of actual dignity. The State laws governing the conduct of barrooms will be rigidly enforced and in addition there will be strict local regulations that must be lived up to.

PLAN TO STOP STRIKES.

Miners Agree on \$2 a Day Fine for Men Who Violate Pact.

The miners and operators of Michigan closed their joint conference in Bay City, having completed the agreement on the scale for the ensuing year. The conference was the longest held since coal was mined in this State because of the large number of resolutions on minor points introduced by both sides. It is also the first conference that agreed upon running the mines after the expiration of the scale year. The new scale is practically the same as last year's, wages being unchanged and working conditions being unchanged slightly from the miner's point of view.

CHARGED WITH SMUGGLING MEN

Captain of Port Huron Ferryboat Is Placed in Jail.

The Point Edward ferryboat was seized on the American side at Port Huron and her captain, Joseph Glass, was lodged in jail on the charge of illegally importing Hungarians, Poles, Germans and other foreigners into the United States. The boat was tied up at North Port Huron by direction of the United States immigration officials.

ALL OVER THE STATE.

E. J. E. Gross and Jacob Dietzel have purchased the shoe business of William April, in Ann Arbor.

Convicted of cutting out a horse's tongue, Max Minney was denied a new trial by Judge Coolidge in St. Joseph.

John Cochrane of Honor, who made \$80,000 by judicious investments, is dead, a town charge. He lost his money dissipating.

Stephen A. Clink, a prominent Muskegon politician and attorney, and Miss Lena Haan, his secretary for years, have been married.

Two lads fishing in St. Joseph river solved the disappearance of Charles Carlson, missing for several weeks, by pulling his body from the stream.

F. J. Draper and William Walcott of Milan were killed at Dearborn when the automobile which they were driving was struck by a Michigan Central passenger train.

Union City schools have been placed on the list of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Union City is the smallest town with its public schools on this list.

Mrs. Nathaniel A. Barney, a lifelong resident of Michigan, prominent in Muskegon charitable circles and well known to the traveling public for years as one of the heads of the Occidental hotel, is dead after 40 years' residence in Muskegon.

Henry Beebel, alias Frank Fields, of Toledo, Ohio, who was convicted in Circuit Court, charged with entering Joseph Goldberg's clothing store in Monroe, was sentenced to from one to seven years in Jackson prison. The shorter term was recommended.

Elma Ero, a 16-year-old Finnish girl, is a prisoner in the county jail in Houghton, arrested by Sheriff Beck on a charge of infanticide. The finding of the body of an infant beneath the ruins of a deserted Finnish bath house at Oskar led to her arrest.

Believed to be penniless, but found to be the possessor of a bank account aggregating \$10,000, is the condition of Mrs. Alice Peifer, an aged resident of Houghton, the facts being brought to light by the appointment of her nephew, Joseph Gelesman, as guardian. The aged woman is incapable of attending to business affairs.

Joseph Allen, a Bay City fisherman, unable to obtain liquor at any of the saloons because his wife had visited them and closed the lid on him, concluded life wasn't worth living and tried to drown off by swallowing acid or ammonia. He did not take enough and will recover.

Two unknown men attempted to crack a safe in the postoffice at Rudyerd, and were discovered just as they were ready to blow off the door, and fled. They took all the stamps in the office. Several arrests of suspects were made, but the officers do not think they have the right men.

Attorney General Bird filed suit at Lansing against the five bowling companies that furnished surety for State Treasurer Frank P. Glazier. The official had deposited \$843,000 of the State's funds in the Chelsea Savings bank, in order that it may be utilized by American labor. The rollers are anxious for legislation along this line.

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OPENING OF THE BASEBALL SEASON.



Popular Puppy

THE NARROW WAY.

By Rev. Harris J. Harrington.

"Enter in by the narrow gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many are they that enter thereby. For narrow is the gate and straitened the way that leadeth unto life and few are they that find it"—Mat. vii, 13.

The self-constituted saints have spoiled a great deal of scripture. They have twisted this plain statement until it has been made to mean that the best evidence of religion is a cramped heart and a starved intellect. Men who have been so singular that even saints who lived with them soon became sinners have taken their uniqueness as proof of their holiness. And churches have narrowed their creeds and shriveled their sympathies in order to prove their conformity to the Lord's supposed precepts by their contradiction of His known practice.

But the plain, thoughtful man of the world knows that Jesus never made a more accurate statement of every day fact than this. He is not speaking of a church or of religion as a specialty in life; He is talking simply about living and the two ways that men live.

Is it not a fact that there is entrance and room for every one who drifts into the way of deterioration? Are not the crowded ways the ways where the failures walk? Are not the narrow, difficult paths those where seekers after success climb?

The road to destruction, to failure, is not broad because the Almighty laid it out that way, making it like an inviting boulevard. It is the way the many drift. You do not have to look long to find a way to fail. Follow the line of least resistance, and you will not be lonesome therein.

And is not the teacher right when he says that the road to longer life is a hard one, that no one enters it by accident, and that but a few toll up its craggy way? Yet who knows that it is the best way. The path of pain alone leads to perfection.

But it is not the number in the road that makes either right or wrong; that depends on the direction of the road. The direction determines the number who walk therein. Virtue is not virtue because it is rare, but because it is hard, and this is the reason it is rare.

Why was not the right road made the easy one? Because virtue without victory would cease to be virtue. The value of a good deed is not in itself, but in the contribution it makes to the development of the highest, fullest life in its members. Fatherhood regards the provision of food, clothing and shelter but as incidental to the great purpose of training the children.

This is the purpose of the father of us all, the develop the best in us. When our weak hearts cry for ease, for rest, for pleasures, he sends the task, the sorrow, the loss. When we think all-life's lessons well learned he sends us up to higher grades with harder tasks.

Yet over all is the pitying, compassionate yearnings of a father's heart that never forgets the weakness of the child.

Wisely the father's love seems to hide its working. Like all things deep and sublime, it passes comprehension; but may often seem like indifference. All the child can do is to bend every effort to do the best to work out the father's plan so far as he knows it, to know, through all, that God is good. Then, when the child grows to the man, the man toward the divine, the things that seemed strange are made plain in the light of the father's face.

SHORT METER SERMONS.

To defer a right determination is to make a wrong one.

The acid of envy eats out all happiness from the heart.

You cannot get high moral tone out of loose muscular wires.

There is no complete understanding of a duty until it is completed.

The man who borrows trouble is little better than the one who makes it.

When the yoke is the end the work loses much, but the worker loses more.

When we confess to our own faults usually we are thinking of our neighbor's.

Every man may have a right to his own grouch, but he has a duty to keep it to himself.

It makes all the difference whether you want to be known as good or want to know the good.

It is possible to take the right way in life and yet to take life in such a way as to lead others wrong.

It is strange that when some folks talk about lifting up their hearts they are sure to pull down their faces.

DON'TS FOR CHURCHMEN.

Don't be stiff-necked. Still necks often support empty heads.

Don't fear suffering, for it is through tribulation that you gain your crown of glory.

Don't confound polished manners with goodness. The devil is the slickest article in that line.

Don't try to climb to heaven with a load of hatred in your heart. Where hatred is love cannot be, and love is heaven.

Don't wear a long face to indicate your spirituality. Religion is happiness and happiness needs no dissembling.

Don't think what you would like to do for your fellow men, but act. It is deeds that count, for a life without works is void.

Don't try to work unless you can put your heart in what you are doing. The heart is the main spring that turns the wheels of life's progress.

Don't talk about the mysterious ways of Providence when your secret sins are found out. Confess to me as you must to God, and try to live them down.

THINGS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

Your Own Work.

If you cannot on the ocean sail among the swiftest fleet, Rocking on the highest billows, Laughing at the storms you meet. You can stand among the sailors, Anchored yet within the bay, You can lend a hand to help them, As they launch their boat away.

If you are too weak to journey Up the mountain steep and high, You can stand within the valley, While the multitude go by;

You can chant in happy measure, As they slowly pass along; Though they may forget the singer, They will not forget the song.

If you have not gold and silver Ever ready to command;

If you cannot toward the needy Reach an ever open hand,

You can visit the afflicted,

O'er the erring you weep;

You can be a true disciple Sitting at the Savior's feet.

If you cannot on the ocean Garner up the richest sheep,

Many a grain both rye and golden Will the careless reapers leave;

Go and glean among the herbs,

Growing rank against the wall,

For it may be that the shadow Hides the heaviest

